THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per All India Council and Technical Education (AICTE), a minimum limit of 3 acres of land for establishment of Engineering/Technology Institutes has been fixed only for mega cities like Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. Norms and standards prescribed by AICTE are only the minimum requirement with respect to facilities in Engineering Colleges. The requirement of land in respect of engineering institutes in mega cities has been relaxed keeping in view the constraints on land, available for use for education purposes. The reduced land requirements meet the minimum space requirements of the institutions area as per the FSI norms of the mega cities.

Distortion of history

2751. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any attempt being made by any authority or individuals in authority attempting to distort history of the country through text books or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent it; and

(c) whether any prosecutions under the laws of the country are taken or proposed to be taken against any of such authority or individual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. NCERT has the task of preparation of textbooks for secondary education. These textbooks are being prepared in consonance with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 approved by Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) and in accordance with the History Syllabus duly approved by the National Monitoring Committee set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. These books are being developed by teams of experts and teacher and not by single authors.

(c) Does not arise.